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Gentlemen:

In early 1979, a CTR Special Project was approved for Dr. Duncan E. Hutcheon to study the effects of various environmental exposures. The pilot project was for one year at a cost of \$89,870. Recently, several developments have affected the project and Dr. Hutcheon has requested that it be extended for four months with additional support in the amount of \$35,000.

The main focus of the Hutcheon project has been the comparison of persons living in areas in New Jersey that provide different environmental exposures. Originally, the possible impact of the environment on the occurrence of cancer was thought to be important because of the high incidence that has been reported for certain New Jersey locations. While this theory continues to be of interest to Dr. Hutcheon, his recent investigative efforts have produced a new source of heart disease data broken down by county. The data are similar in form to the cancer mortality by county data released by NCI several years ago. Dr. Hutcheon is now examining the heart disease mortality data in light of the geographic components of his project. Interesting hypotheses have emerged and, as a result, Dr. Hutcheon has requested an increase in the support level of the project and has requested that it be extended in length.

We have been advised that Dr. Hutcheon is arranging for Dr. Shinichi Kobayashi of Japan to visit the New Jersey College

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of Medicine and Dentistry this summer and assist him on the final aspects of the project. Dr. Kobayashi has both medical and pharmacology degrees and should bring added expertise to the project.

We recommend that his CTR Special Project be extended for four months and funded at an additional amount of \$35,000.

Your early response on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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